

HONORING MR. SOHUM PAWAR

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an essential member of our team that worked to evacuate vulnerable Afghans during the fall of Kabul, Mr. Sohumi Pawar.

Originally from East Hanover, New Jersey, for many years, Mr. Pawar has worn many hats—scientist, engineer, and policy researcher. Since graduating with honors from little-known schools such as Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he's worked on cybersecurity, climate, and energy policy at the White House, assisted negotiators at the U.S. Department of State working on UN climate talks, and written speeches for the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Beyond public service, he's also worked as a cyber threat intelligence analyst, assessed clean energy startups for a climate-focused venture capital fund, and developed policy and strategy for an advanced nuclear reactor startup. He also has experience in journalism, conducting research for David Sanger, the prominent national journalist for the New York Times and his bestselling book chronicling the rise of cyber warfare.

The knowledge and experience Mr. Pawar acquired in all of these ventures were heavily relied upon when he joined our cobbled-together effort working to evacuate vulnerable Afghans from Kabul. For several sleepless nights, he was part of our tiger team—responsible for gathering the required information for the group of Afghans, verifying the authenticity of documents, and supporting evacuees with letters of support of our own.

Our mission depended on a broad cross-section of skills and traits, from perseverance to grit. Very few people could have handled the flood of information that our office received during those frantic days, and even fewer as quickly and efficiently as Sohumi did. We needed Pawar power to succeed, and it is thanks to him that we did.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Sohumi Pawar for his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty in our effort to evacuate Afghan allies from Kabul. For his meticulous record keeping, for his flexibility and perseverance, and for his dogged pursuit of any lead that would benefit the mission, I submit these words—may they stand as a tribute to his dedicated service when the moment called for it most.

RECOGNIZING THE MADISON CENTRAL JAGUARS AS MHSAA 6A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I'd like to congratulate the Madison Central Jaguars and Coach Toby Collums on their MHSAA 6A State Championship victory. In his first year, Coach Collums led the Jaguars to a 13–1 season and finished the season with a victory at

the state championship. I commend Coach Collums for his explosive start at the helm of the Jaguars football team and wish him and his team continued success in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the young men who worked tirelessly for the championship trophy. Every early morning, every extra rep, and every sacrifice they made to better themselves and their team has resulted in the top prize.

In the coming days, as the thrill of victory begins to fade, I would encourage those young men to reflect deeply on the investment they made to realize this championship. They will never forget the feeling of their great accomplishment; but in the future, as they reminisce on this victory, I would challenge them to remember the qualities that made them champions.

Those qualities of hard-work, commitment, and determination will continue to serve them well in the future as they transition from leaders on the field to leaders in their families, communities, state, and Nation.

Congratulations to the Madison Central Jaguars. They earned this victory.

RECOGNIZING KERRY BLACK ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kerry Black of the South Dade Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of her retirement. Mrs. Black's career has touched the lives of many individuals in South Florida and throughout the world. She specializes in improving organizational culture and establishing healthy, thriving companies.

In August of 1991, Mrs. Black and her husband, Russell Black, founded Latin Impact Ministries in order to develop a network of national church leaders. Latin Impact Ministries has reached over tens of thousands of Latinos and has developed hundreds of individuals and teams focusing on serving their communities. Today, Latin Impact Ministries has extended outreach to build schools, provide members of the community with access to a higher education, and promotes the collaboration of strong leaders in the city to improve local and regional unity.

Not only did Mrs. Black serve the underprivileged, she empowered the South Dade entrepreneurial community by serving as the CEO of the South Dade Chamber of Commerce from October 2017 to May 2021. The South Dade Chamber of Commerce is the second oldest standing chamber in Miami Dade County and is a critical resource for many of the community's entrepreneurs. Under her leadership, she reinvigorated the chamber by creating a new mission statement and following through on that promise. Because of her leadership, the chamber experienced one of their best renewal seasons, leading to a restored reputation throughout the community. She increased community visibility by participating in weekly podcasts hosted by Miami Community News. Throughout the pandemic, Mrs. Black ensured business leaders were still connected to the chamber and provided them with resources and guidance.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating Kerry Black's retirement. As she celebrates an extensive career of service, I am grateful for all the work she has done to serve the needs of South Florida businesses, entrepreneurs, and members of our community.

HONORING MATTHEW NICHOLAS SUTHERLAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Nicholas Sutherland. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 39 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has earned his Bronze Palm and Gold Palm Awards, served in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and has camped a total of 82 nights. Matthew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Matthew created an exhibit for the Clay County Historical Museum which took 144 hours of service to complete.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Nicholas Sutherland for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELDER LOVELL JEROME JENKINS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of my cousin, Elder Lovell Jerome Jenkins, an eminent pastor and educator who passed away on December 1, 2021, at 66 years old.

Elder Lovell Jenkins was born first of four children on December 23, 1954, in Hope Hull, Alabama; to Dorothy Gardner Jenkins and the late Reverend Leroy Jenkins. After graduating with honors from Calhoun High School in 1971, Lovell received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Alabama State University.

Accepting Christ into his life at a young age under the pastorate of his grandfather, the late Elder Tom Gardner, Jr., Lovell was a faithful member of Beulah Primitive Baptist Church in Hope Hull, Alabama. At Beulah, Lovell sang in the adult and male choruses until he received the divine call of God to preach the gospel.

Lovell began his career in education serving as a math teacher and coach at Jefferson

Davis High School in Montgomery, Alabama. During his 36 years of service at Jefferson Davis High School, Lovell taught multiple courses, including business, math, geometry, algebra, and calculus. While at Jefferson Davis High School, he also served as the Assistant Basketball Coach.

In addition to his career as an educator, Lovell was also the beloved pastor of the Canaan Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Lowndes County, Alabama, where he served for twenty years. He accepted the Call of ministry in 2000, and after being installed as pastor of Canaan Hill Primitive Baptist Church in 2001, Lovell dedicated his life to teaching the word of God. As pastor of Canaan Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Lovell worked to develop the church by forming various departments and working with organizations throughout the Montgomery community, including the formation of a mission and matron department, the young adult choir, and a partnership with the Montgomery Biscuits for a family and friends day fundraiser. Also, under his leadership, Deacon Emory McGhee Sr. and Deacon Bobby Bennett were ordained, the Board of Trustees was established, restrooms were made handicap accessible, a new air conditioning unit was purchased, along with the purchase and renovation of the property behind the church itself.

Elder Lovell Jenkins was preceded in death by his son Lovell Jermaine Jenkins, his father Reverend Leroy Jenkins, and his brother Jeffery Lydell Jenkins.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife Marcia Royal Jenkins, mother Dorothy (Eddie) Sanders; three sons Cortez (Nicole) Jenkins, Jawuan (Queen) Jenkins, and Llewellyn (Tarriant) Royal; three daughters De' Andra (Derrick) Bolling, Tamika Wray Dixon, Ann Marie Upthegrove; two sisters, Vanessa (Mark) Pettway and Felicia (James) Kelley; three sisters-in-law Norma Lyons, Nair Gibbons, Doreen (Michael) Layne, one brother-in-law Alston Royal; thirteen grandchildren Cameron, Caden, Jaxen, and Jaden Jenkins, Deja (Jarred) Turner, Vallet Upthegrove, Beau Harvest, Asa Bolling, Llewellyn Royal, Jr., Juirien Royal and Akira Williams, Maliyah and Makari Dixon; six great-grandchildren Jarred, Jr., Joan, Jade, Jayla, Janya and Carter; four god-children, Consuelo (Kenneth) Bell, Kelvin Thomas, Jr., Delshaun and Faith Gatson; four aunts Negatha Holt, Gloria (Frank) Humphrey, Theresa (Charlie) Douglass, and Delphia Jenkins; four uncles, Elder Tom (Estella) Gardner, Reverend Mack (Ruby) Jenkins and Willis Jenkins, and John (Barbara) Gardner; six nieces Markia and Gabrielle Pettway, Karen Banks, Hazel Samuel, Sherilyn (Howard) Houston and Alexandria Johnson, devoted friends, Elder Dwight and Cheryl Johnson, and a host of cousins, friends and students.

On a personal note, Lovell was my amazingly thoughtful and loving first cousin who radiated goodness and kindness to all he met and to those he loved. A man of tremendous faith whose guidance and tutelage of his students, parishioners and family members was an inspiration to all. Lovell loved his family and showed it in his smile, his laughter, and his generous heart. He was tender with his loving wife Marcia, gentle in the care of his beloved mother Dorothy, supportive to his devoted siblings, and instructive to his dear children. May we find comfort in knowing that Lovell's legacy will live on in the many lives that he impacted. Rest in power, my sweet cousin.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and legacy of my cousin, Elder Lovell Jerome Jenkins and his exemplary contributions in education and ministry to the Montgomery community.

HONORING UNDERSHERIFF
MICHAEL G. MCCABE

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Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Undersheriff Michael McCabe as he retires from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office after 44 years of service.

Born and raised in Bloomfield Township, Mike's lifelong dream was to become a police officer. When he was a young child, he had been riding in the car with his mother and brother when they were involved in a traffic accident. Although thankfully no one was seriously injured, Undersheriff McCabe still remembers the Bloomfield Township police officer that came to take a statement in the hospital.

That seminal memory stuck with him as he attended Brother Rice High School alongside future Sheriff Mike Bouchard, and later, when he graduated from Michigan State University in 1977. Just four months after earning his degree, Undersheriff McCabe joined the Oakland County Sheriff's Office—earning one of six spots out of 800 applicants. The rest, as they say, is history.

Over a career spanning more than four decades, he's risen through the ranks, working in every division along the way—from patrol deputy to detective to substation commander to chief of staff to now undersheriff and chief deputy, the position he's held for nearly 18 years. As the senior official responsible for day-to-day operations, his latest duties have included managing more than 1,400 employees and overseeing the \$165 million annual budget.

Undersheriff McCabe's commitment to his fellow officers is the stuff of legend. In 1982, while responding to an armed robbery, his partner was critically wounded with gunshots to the chest and left shoulder. Without a moment's hesitation, Undersheriff McCabe threw his fellow officer into the passenger's seat of their patrol car and drove him to Crittenton Hospital—undoubtedly saving his partner's life. Last year, when a routine doctor's visit discovered an issue that required him to go in for emergency surgery, he was reportedly answering emails and returning phone calls from his room in the hospital.

However, it is his actions in the last few weeks of his service that will serve as a lasting testament to Undersheriff McCabe's heroism. On November 30, 2021, when a 15-year-old student at Oxford High School opened fire on his classmates, Undersheriff McCabe was one of the first responders to arrive and he was on-site and in command as the senior officer in charge of the law enforcement mobilization. He and his fellow officers answered the call—more than 100 in total that were frantically placed to 911—and without waiting to set up a perimeter or assess the danger, they ran into the high school and ap-

prehended the shooter before more lives were lost. As he had done before in his career, Undersheriff McCabe's quick thinking saved lives. There is 110 question that there are teachers and students who are still here because of what he did and that his seasoned, experienced leadership helped mitigate and manage an unimaginable situation. For that, our community will forever be in his debt.

Madam Speaker, even before the tragedy at Oxford High School, Undersheriff McCabe deserved recognition from this chamber for his decades of service. That the coda to his career is a moment in the national spotlight, as the face of a grieving community, only deepens it.

Simply put, Undersheriff McCabe is the best of what Oxford, Michigan and Oakland County represents. There is nothing in the world that I wouldn't give for his recognition to be under different circumstances, and yet, it is a small comfort to know that, in this moment of incredible pain as we seek to pick up the pieces, he has been there as a steady hand and a guiding force for his fellow neighbors.

I rise today in profound thanks to Undersheriff Michael McCabe for 44 years of service, and in honor of his actions throughout his career, and especially his final acts on the force. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him and his wife, Rebecca, a well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER
OF DR. JAMES HUNT

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James W. Hunt, Jr., a leader in community health and health care reform who has spent his 41-year career advocating for underserved communities and fighting for equitable and affordable healthcare for the people of Massachusetts.

As president and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Dr. Hunt helped build a network of over 50 community health centers across the state. Born out of the civil rights movement, community health centers have been instrumental in health care reform, and have served over 1 million underserved patients in Massachusetts.

During his career, Dr. Hunt has worked hard to expand access to medical care for low-income Massachusetts residents. He has helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds to build up the state's primary care network and to support the growing health care workforce of the Commonwealth.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Hunt's commitment to reforming our broken health care system cannot be understated and is exemplified by his tireless efforts to expand quality medical care for those who often have the hardest time accessing it. Under his leadership, health centers have administered about 650,000 doses of the vaccines that protect against COVID-19 to residents of Massachusetts—about 65 percent of whom are people of color.

Dr. Hunt began his tenure in public health as a volunteer at the Neponset Health Center in Dorchester, MA. Leaving behind a career as a civil engineer, he joined the Massachusetts